

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

B1 [0000] This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/296,805, entitled "Elimination of Rounding Step in the Short Path of a Floating Point Adder," filed June 7, 2001, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.--

REMARKS

Applicants are hereby amending the specification to include a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the corresponding co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/296,805. No new matter is believed to be introduced by this amendment. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment of the specification in the instant application.

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and therefore an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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